COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PROMINENT ON THIS WEEK'S COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

Columbus, OH – Franklin County Commissioners Arlene Shoemaker, Dewey R. Stokes and Mary Jo Kilroy passed three resolutions this morning earmarking \$277,087 for community development programs within Franklin County.

All three contracts went to the Franklin County Board of Health, which will act as agent for each of the following programs: Urgent Repair Grant, Handicapped Accessibility Grant and Sewer System Repair Programs.

The funding breakdown on these contracts is as follows: \$88,986 for Urgent Repair, \$68,386 for Handicapped Accessibility and \$119,715 for Sewer System Repair.

Administered by the County's Department of Community and Economic Development, these programs are funded annually through federal community development block grants monies received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The County's Urgent Repair Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to low-income, single family home owners for the purpose of repair or replacement of a major household system that has broken down and where failure to fix the problem will threaten the household's immediate health and safety.

The County's Handicapped Accessibility Program offers up to \$6,500 per household for architectural modifications to the homes of handicapped residents to give them better access to their home entrances and easier access to their kitchen and bathroom facilities.

And, the County's Sewer System Repair Program provides up to \$7,500 in financial assistance to eligible households for repair or replacement of faulty on-site sewage systems.

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